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Damaged letter from Floride Calhoun to Anna Clemson, 1858 May 16

Floride Calhoun

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Mills House

May 16. 1858.

Dear Anna

I write you today to say Patrick, is a little better, this morning, though kept weak from constant diarrhoea, and his cough is more troublesome than it was. Dr. Giddings thinks of moving him, on a spring bed, to Sumnerville, and if possible on to my house, and thought on Tuesday to try the experiment, but as it is too warm, my impression is he will never leave this place. It is so hot and dusty here, he thought by taking him away, he might live some time longer. He is anxious himself to go. I will keep you informed of our movements, but I still think if you could come on, (and if you wish to see him alive) you had better leave immediately, and I hope James, will be here, in time to take leave of him, as Willy, saw yesterday, a gentleman just from California who saw James, who told him, he would leave in the next steamer for New York, when he had

business. I am very anxious to see him once more at
least, and hope he will remain some time with us.
I went to Church today, for the first time since I came
here, but felt so weak while in Church, I feared I would
have to leave. Mr Arthur Hays, brought me home.
Himself & Lady, go to Washington, in a few days.
If you should come on, enquire if we have paper on,
when you reach the dividing place between Columbia,
and Charleston, as we will leave word there, if we
should go up. If James, is with you, send him on imme-
-diately, as Patrick, is anxious to see him. I will
write soon again. Patrick, & Willy, join me in love
to your wife & Mr Benson. up little baselings,
and send love to Floride, & Calhoun, I must conclude,
as I do not feel well.

your devoted Mother
Floride Calhoun.

Mr A B Benson,